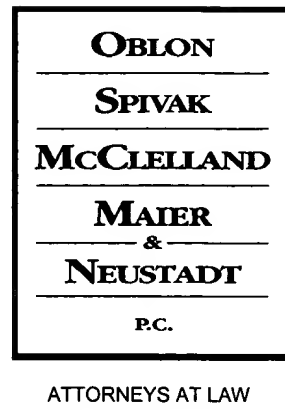




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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 12, 2004, applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group VI, claims 24, 25 and 34-39. That Restriction Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to distinct inventions. However, MPEP § 803 states the following:

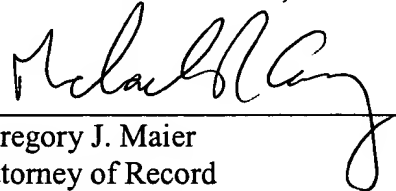
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of claims 1-67 be conducted.

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